

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Application No.** : 09/727,174  
**Applicant** : Montgomery, Michael et al.  
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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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